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Gun offender is sentenced to 15 years in prison

A federal judge today sentenced **Kendall Rose**, of Providence, to 15 years in prison as an armed career criminal. Providence Police arrested Rose in October 2005 after he tossed away a revolver on June Street. Rose, 25, has three prior felony convictions, and possessing a gun made him an armed career criminal.

United States Attorney Robert Clark Corrente announced the sentence, which Senior U.S. District Court Judge Ernest C. Torres imposed in U.S. District Court, Providence.

Rose, whose most recent address was on Chad Brown Street, pleaded guilty in August to being a felon in possession of a firearm. At the plea hearing, Assistant U.S. Attorney Peter F. Neronha said that the government could prove that, on October 18, 2005, Providence Police Officers Jonathan Primiano and Curt Desautels were on patrol on June Street, when they observed a group of men in a parking lot. As the officers stopped their car and approached the group, they saw Rose take a chrome revolver out of his sweatshirt pocket, drop it, and kick it under a car. They arrested him.

Rose has prior a prior felony conviction for assault with a dangerous weapon, and two for drug trafficking. Those three offenses made him an armed career criminal, which carries a minimum sentence of 15 years in prison. Ordinarily, being a felon in possession of a firearm has a maximum sentence of ten years in prison.

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Providence Police and the **Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives** investigated the case. Assistant U.S. Attorney Neronha prosecuted as part of **Project Safe Neighborhoods**, a Department of Justice initiative against gun crimes. Under Project Safe Neighborhoods, the U.S. Attorney's Office, working with Providence Police, ATF, the Rhode Island Attorney General's Office, and other agencies, aggressively prosecutes federal firearms offenses in an effort to incarcerate those responsible for gun violence and deter others from committing gun crimes. Since 2001, federal gun offenders in Rhode Island have been sentenced to a total of more than 800 years in prison.

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